National Oral Health Programme (NOHP)

National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) is an initiative of the 12th Plan period launched in the year 2014-15 to strengthen the public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery. The objectives of NOHP are as under:

- 1. Improvement in the determinants of oral health e.g. healthy diet, oral hygiene improvement etc and to reduce disparity in oral health accessibility in rural & urban population.
- 2. Reduce morbidity from oral diseases by strengthening oral health services at Sub district/district hospital to start with.
- 3. Integrate oral health promotion and preventive services with general health care system and other sectors that influence oral health; namely various National Health Programs.
- 4. Promotion of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for achieving public health goals

The program has two components as under:

NHM Component: support is provided to States to set up Dental Care Units at District Hospitals or below. Support is provided for the following components:

- Manpower support [Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant]
- Equipments including dental Chair
- Consumables for dental procedures

Tertiary Component: For central level activities such as:

- Designing IEC materials like Posters, TV, Radio Spots, Training Modules
- Organizing national, regional nodal officers training program to enhance the program management skills, review the status of the program
- Preparing State/District level Trainers by conducting national, regional workshops to train the paramedical health functionaries associated in health care delivery.

Achievements of National Oral Health Programme



TheCentre for Dental Education and Research, AIIMS, New Delhi was identified as theNational Centre of Excellence for Implementation of National Oral Health Program in FY 2014-15.





NOHP posters, pamphlets and badges were developed in multiple languages. Posters have been distributed to 24 States/UTs so far while the remaining 12 will receive them in FY 2017-18.





First National Review Workshop was held for NOHP State Nodal Officers in FY 2015-16 at CDER, AIIMS, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms. Dharitri Panda, Joint Secretary MoHFW.







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World Oral Health Day was celebrated on 20th March 2017 at NirmanBhawan. The NOHP television commercial and radio jingle were launched by Hon'ble Minister of State (HFW), Sh. Faggan Singh Kulaste. The National Dental and Oral Health IVRS Helpline (toll free number 1800-11-2032) was also launched by Sh. Faggan Singh Kulaste.



Oral Health Screening Camps were conducted at NirmanBhawan on occasion of World Oral Health Day 2017 in collaboration with CDER, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dental Department, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi.





On 1st May 2017, first training workshop for the Pit & Fissure Sealant Pilot Project was held at CDER, AIIMS, New Delhi for participating Institutes. The workshop was inaugurated by Sh. Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary MoHFW





On 26th September 2017, the Chief Guest, Ms. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State (HFW) launched the Pit and Fissure Sealant Pilot Project at King George's Medical University, Lucknow. The Guest of Honor at the launch event was Sh. SiddharthNath Singh, Hon'ble Health Minister, Uttar Pradesh. Also present were Sh. Sunil Sharma, Joint Secretary MoHFW, Prof. M.L.B. Bhatt, Vice Chancellor KGMU and Prof. Shadab Mohammad, Dean Dental Faculty KGMU